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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, APRIL 26, 1978
(SALT TWO-1709)

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(B) SALT TWO-1710
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1. IN KARPOV'S STATEMENT (REF A) AT APRIL 26 PLENARY
(SENATORS PEARSON, BAKER AND GARN ATTENDING), HE REVIEWED
PROPOSALS FOR ARTICLE II.3 NOTING COINCIDENCES OF POSITIONS
AND DIFFERENCES. AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT CITED WERE:
(A) EXCEPTION FROM TYPE RULE FOR B-52S EQUIPPED FOR LONG-
RANGE CRUISE MISSILES, (B) CONVERSION OF TRANSPORT
AIRCRAFT INTO LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILE CARRIERS, AND (C)
SUPPLEMENTING NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, IMPLICITLY
CRITICIZING U.S. PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATIVE MEASURES.

2. MY STATEMENT (REF B) PRESENTED REVISED U.S. PROPOSAL
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ON ICBM NEW TYPES FOR ARTICLE II.1 OF PROTOCOL GIVEN
SEMOV ON APRIL 15. KARPOV RESPONDED EXTEMPORANEOUSLY
ASKING HOW U.S. PROPOSAL DIFFERED FROM SOVIET PROPOSAL,
WHAT FLIGHT TESTING PROGRAMS WERE RELEVANT TO APRIL 15
EFFECTIVE DATE AND WHAT DID U.S. HAVE IN MIND WHEN
REFERRING TO CERTAIN MINOR CHANGES EVEN IF THEY EXCEEDED
5. (FYI: APPEARED THAT QUESTIONS WERE PERSONAL TO KARPOV

AND HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH SOVIET DELEGATION.)

3. IN POST-PLenary DISCUSSION PER REF C I TOLD KARPOV THAT ALCMS CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR DEPLOYMENT WILL NOT FIT ON EXISTING SRAM ROTARY LAUNCHERS, AND THAT THIS WAS CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PLANS. I ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT B-52S EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES WILL BE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM OTHER B-52S. KARPOV SAID REMARKS WERE INTERESTING, ADDING "OFF THE RECORD" THAT SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SRAM RACKS ON B-52S AND IMPLIED GENERAL CONCERN WITH OVERALL INTERNAL CARRIAGE QUESTION. KARPOV SAID SEMENOV WOULD RETURN FROM MOSCOW APRIL 29.

4. BAKER-PEREZ/STARDOBOV BILATERAL - BAKER MADE POINT THAT RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL BE COLORED BY EVENTS OUTSIDE OF SALT SUCH AS CANCELLATION OF B-1 AND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM KOREA.

5. LTC JOHNSON/BEKETOV - JOURAVLEV BILATERAL. DEMONSTRATING HE HAD GIVEN NEW TYPES DEFINITION CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, JOURAVLEV ASKED FOR MEANING U.S. GAVE TO TERM "TOTAL IMPULSE." BOTH SOVIETS REACTED POSITIVELY TO EXPLANATION OF TERM AND INTENT OF ITS INCLUSION IN U.S. PROPOSAL. EARLE

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